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AS SEEN FROM HERE, SUGGESTED MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP WITH SWAPO EXECUTIVE IN NEW YORK IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA. WE WOULD PREFER THIS APPROACH TO THAT SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B WHICH WOULD HAVE LOCAL CONTACT GROUP ELICITING VIEW OF AND CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO. NO MATTER HOW WELL SUPPLIED WITH BRIEFING MATERIALS, THE LOCAL CONTACT GROUP CANNOT SPEAK WITH THE AUTHORITY OF SOMEONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE CAPE TOWN DISCUSSIONS. THIS CAME THROUGH CLEARLY DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MCHENRY VISIT TO LUSAKA. HE WAS CONVINCING AND AUTHORITATIVE TO A DEGREE WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY GRZ OFFICIALS AND BY THE LOCAL CONTACT GROUP ITSELF. ONE REGRET EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LUSAKA CONTACT GROUP WAS THAT MCHENRY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRIEF THE HIGHER ECHELON OF SWAPO (MUYONGO AND NUJOMA).

2. AT THE VERY LEAST AN INVITATION TO SWAPO'S TOP LEADERSHIP TO MEET WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK SHOULD, AS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, CALM SOME OF SWAPO'S FEARS THAT THE CONTACT GROUP IS TRYING TO SPLIT THE SWAPO ORGANIZATION. CLINGERMAN

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